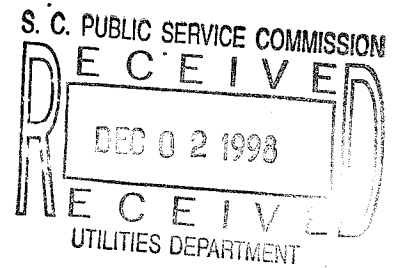
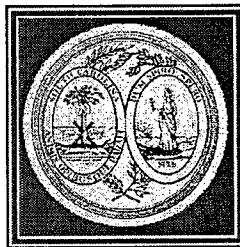


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RIVER PINES WATER SYSTEM, INC.

DOCKET NO. 98-362-W/S



**Testimony of
Charles A. Creech
South Carolina Public Service Commission**

1 **TESTIMONY OF CHARLES A. CREECH**
2 **FOR THE**
3 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
4 **DOCKET NO. 98-362-W/S**
5 **IN RE: RIVER PINES WATER SYSTEM, INC.**
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7 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS**
8 **AND OCCUPATION?**

9 A. My name is Charles A. Creech and my business address is 101 Executive
10 Center Drive, Koger Center, Columbia, South Carolina. I am employed by
11 the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in the Utilities
12 Department as an Engineer III and have been so employed since July of
13 1972.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY INVOLVING RIVER**
15 **PINES WATER SYSTEM, INC.**

16 A. The purpose of my testimony is to set forth, in summary form, the Staff's
17 findings relative to the determination of the amount of additional operating
18 revenues that would result from the implementation of the proposed
19 schedules of rates and, also, the results of Staff's field investigation of
20 service supplied by the Company.
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1 **Q. I SHOW YOU THE REPORT, ENTITLED, "COMMISSION STAFF**
2 **REPORT, RIVER PINES WATER SYSTEM, INC., SOUTH CAROLINA**
3 **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, DOCKET NO. 98-362-W/S." ARE**
4 **THE FINDINGS OF YOUR REVIEW CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT?**

5 A. Yes, they are contained under the Utilities Department tab.

6 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU COMPILED THE**
7 **INFORMATION IN YOUR REPORT?**

8 A. By using the information provided by the Company in its Application and
9 the Company's responses to Staff's Data Request and an audit of the
10 Company's books and records, Staff was able to determine the amount of
11 additional operating revenues which would be produced by the proposed
12 rates.

13 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN PART A, EXHIBIT 1 OF YOUR**
14 **REPORT?**

15 A. Part A, Exhibit No. 1, pages 1 & 2, of the report, is a summary of the
16 Staff's review of the Company's present and proposed rates.

17 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN PART B, EXHIBIT 2 OF YOUR**
18 **REPORT?**

19 A. Exhibit No. 2, page 3, of the report, summarizes the effect of the presently
20 approved Commission rates and proposed rates on the Company's
21 operating revenue. Under the present Commission approved rates, which
22 are detailed in Exhibit 1 of Staff's report, the Company's present water
23 revenue is \$41,330.88. Using the requested rates, the revenue would be

1 \$58,446.69 for an increase of \$17,115.81, or 41.41%. The Company's
2 present sewer revenue is \$19,827.06. Using the requested rates the
3 proposed revenue would be \$26,471.26 for an increase of \$6,644.20, or
4 33.51% increase. Combined, the requested rates will produce \$84,917.95
5 for an additional \$23,760.01, or an increase of 38.85%.

6 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN PART C, EXHIBIT 3, OF YOUR**
7 **REPORT?**

8 A. Exhibit No. 3, page 4 of the report, summarizes the effect of the proposed
9 rates and charges on a customer's average bill. A customer living in
10 River Pines Subdivision, whose average monthly water consumption is
11 6,758 gallons would realize an increase of \$5.58 a month using the
12 requested rates. A customer living in Wood Forest Subdivision whose
13 average monthly water consumption is 8,660 gallons would realize an
14 increase of \$9.64 a month using the requested rates. Using the requested
15 sewer rate, the customers in Wood Forest would realize a \$5.40 a month
16 increase.

17 **Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN PART D, EXHIBIT 4, OF YOUR**
18 **REPORT?**

19 A. Exhibit 4, pages 5 & 6 of the report, is the most recent Utilities Department
20 Business Office Compliance Review Report conducted by Staff for River
21 Pines Water System, Inc. The Company maintains records and reports
22 which are available to its customers and to the Commission.

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**Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN PART E, EXHIBIT 5, OF YOUR
REPORT?**

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A. Exhibit 5, page 7, contains the results of Staff's review of service provided
by River Pines Water System, Inc.

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Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

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A. Yes, it does.

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